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**From:** Job, Charles  
**Sent:** Wed 1/15/2014 2:56:04 PM  
**Subject:** RE: HOTLINE RESPONSE: West Virginia Drinking Water Emergency - Desk Statements  
WV Chemical Spill Desk Statement 2014 01 15.docx

We will use the Desk Statement and provide the WV American Water website information (see attachment). We will not use the Qs/As previously drafted and sent to you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Bonnie  
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 9:31 AM  
To: binetti, victoria; Job, Charles; Travers, David; duteau, helen; White, Terri-A  
Cc: Arguto, William; damm, thomas  
Subject: HOTLINE RESPONSE: West Virginia Drinking Water Emergency - Desk Statements

Chuck - As discussed, and as Vicky's note says - Please don't use your Q&As until we have a chance to review and coordinate HQs public affairs.

I appreciate your desire for EPA to get useful information to people.

But you can use the information below - - they are desk statement that have been approved and provided to the media. Your folks don't have to say that part, I just wanted you to know.

I'm sure your hotline is already referring people to the American Water Company's website which is very helpful.

1. EPA continues to work closely with other Federal and State agencies in West Virginia as they begin implementing a plan for getting the water system back on-line. The State of West Virginia and the West Virginia American Water Company (WVAWC) are developing a plan for flushing the system, along with sampling and analysis, that will allow residents to begin using their water as soon as possible. State and Federal (ATSDR/CDC) health officials have agreed that a level of 1 part per million (ppm) of methylcyclohexanemethanol is protective of public health and the State/WVAWC will use the flushing process to assure that the 1 ppm level is achieved throughout the system. The EPA supports this approach and has offered sampling and monitoring assistance to the State during the restart efforts. (Sunday, Jan. 12)

2. About MCHM :  
4-methylcyclohexane was one of more than 60,000 chemicals in commerce when the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) was passed in 1976. The 1976 statute, while imposing some information requirements for new chemicals entering the market, grandfathered in existing chemicals, and thus provided EPA with very limited ability to require testing on those existing chemicals to determine if they are safe. EPA continues to support much needed legislative reform to ensure that the Agency has updated authority to more effectively assess and regulate potentially harmful chemicals. (earlier in the week)

3. EPA continues to work closely with other Federal and State agencies in West Virginia as they begin implementing a plan for getting the water system back on-line. As those efforts are already underway, EPA is also examining state and federal response authorities associated with the incident to

determine next steps and the environmental laws and regulations applicable to the facility. This review will help inform EPA's activities going forward. (Tuesday, Jan. 14)

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-----Original Message-----

From: binetti, victoria  
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 9:00 AM  
To: Job, Charles; Travers, David  
Cc: White, Terri-A; Smith, Bonnie; Arguto, William; damm, thomas  
Subject: Re: HOTLINE RESPONSE: West Virginia Drinking Water Emergency

Please don't use these until we have a chance to review and coordinate with ours and HQs public affairs.

Vicky

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From: Job, Charles  
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 8:33:41 AM  
To: binetti, victoria; Travers, David  
Cc: White, Terri-A; Smith, Bonnie; Arguto, William; damm, thomas  
Subject: HOTLINE RESPONSE: West Virginia Drinking Water Emergency

Vicki and David,

I have attached a set of Qs/As on the WV drinking water emergency. If I do not hear from you by 9:30, I am going to tell the Hotline to begin using these responses. We can update this as the day and week progresses.

Thanks,

Chuck

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-----Original Message-----

From: binetti, victoria  
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 10:19 PM  
To: Job, Charles  
Cc: White, Terri-A; Smith, Bonnie; Arguto, William; damm, thomas  
Subject: RE: West Virginia Drinking Water Emergency

Chuck, we'll want to coordinate with our communications folks. Let's talk Wednesday.--Vicky

-----Original Message-----

From: Job, Charles

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 9:03 PM

To: binetti, victoria

Subject: West Virginia Drinking Water Emergency

Vicki,

We have gotten inquiries to the Drinking Water Hotline about the West Virginia drinking water emergency. Does your Regional Office have a statement that it is using to respond to inquiries?

Please send me any information that you consider releasable; I will work with our management and you to prepare a set of Hotline Qs/As. Please call to discuss this further.

Thank you!

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